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In re the application of:

HUI-JUNG WU, ET AL.

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For: USE OF MULTIFUNCTIONAL, SI-BASED OLIGOMER/POLYMER FOR THE SURFACE MODIFICATION OF NANOPOROUS SILICA FILMS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the substantive examination of this case, please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

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In the specification:

On page 1, line 7, after CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION, please change the sentence to read:

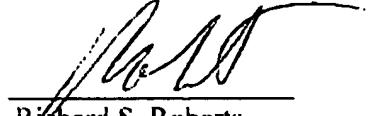
This patent application is a division of U.S. patent application serial number 09/488,075 filed A2 January 20, 2001 which was a continuation-in-part of, and claims the benefit of provisional application serial number 60/117,248, filed on January 26, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

REMARKS

The undersigned respectfully requests substantive examination of this application in view

of the above.

Respectfully submitted,



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